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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

Joint Intelligence Committee, Conference with Mr. John Easton, Civilian Adviser
(Member E.I.C.) (30 July 1953)

1. Mr. Easton said that he had little opportunity to read the detailed industry and commodity reports of CRR. He thought that brief abstracts of such reports would serve a very useful purpose.

2. Mr. Easton suggested the desirability of the compilation of "an index of important events" which should include especially any economic situations or policy changes which might serve as "signals" of future developments or indications of internal conditions in the Soviet Bloc. For purposes of illustration he suggested: the commodity nature of trade agreements; unusually active efforts and willingness to pay premium prices for particular commodities, etc.

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